

Questions for Reflection:

1. Do I focus on the structure and ritual of my faith and neglect the power of God?
2. In what ways am I tempted to grow the Kingdom of God through worldly power rather than humble service?
3. Do I focus on “doing Church,” but neglect people?

Questions for Discussion:

1. What stood out to you about the message today?
2. Which is the greater temptation for you, to have the power of God without the Church or the Church without the power of God?
3. In what ways can the Church structures and practices hinder the work of God?
4. How can the church provide shelter and nourishment for the world?

Coming Up:

April 25-May 1: Luke 14:15-24

May 2-8: Luke 15

May 9-15: Luke 16:1-15



THE GOOD NEWS ACCORDING TO LUKE

Parables of Kingdom Growth

We misunderstand parables when:

- We think they all have a _____ meaning.
(They're often _____.)
- We think they communicate good _____ or common _____.
(They're often pointed and _____!)

Parables were a common teaching method by _____ in Jesus' day.

Parables appeal to our _____ (motivation) and spark our _____ (creativity).

Parables are always about the _____ of _____.

Parables are always related to what is happening in the _____.

The Situation: Luke 13:10-17

The synagogue is the equivalent of the Christian _____.

Jesus was the guest _____.

The woman's healing _____ the service.

The healing messed up the synagogue leaders _____.
For Jesus the _____ WAS the ministry!

The _____ is the perfect day to set the woman free!

Luke 13:18-21 The Parables

1. The Kingdom of God works from _____ to _____.

Two common errors:

- To try to have the _____ of God without the Church.
- To try to have the _____ without the power of God.

We need more than a _____ faith in God.

The _____ exist to serve people.

2. The Kingdom starts small and grows through _____.

3. The _____ provides shelter and nourishment for the world.

